Demand of Trained Personnel in the Hotel Industry

3386. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present estimated demand of trained personnel in the hotel industry in the country;

(b) what is the number of catering institutes set up in the country till date for training the personnel required for the hotel industry and the number of trained personnel at present;

(c) whether Government propose to set up more such institutes; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) As per the Report of the National Committee on Tourism, the Annual requirement of trained personnel in the accommodation and hospitality sector is estimated at 28,000.

(b) At present there are 16 diploma level Institutes of Hotel Management and 15 Foodcraft Institutes imparting training in craft level courses. The combined outturn of trained manpower by the Government/privately run training establishments in the accommodation and hospitality sector is about 8500 per year;

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Efforts of the Government are to set up Institutes at places where such facilities are not presently available.

Construction of Hotels in Rural, Hilly and Pilgrim Areas

3387. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any steps so far to give impetus to the construction of hotels in rural, hilly and pilgrim areas in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) To encourage development of tourism infrastructure in remote regions, income tax deduction at the rate of 50 per cent is admissible for new eligible hotels in a hilly area, rural area, place of pilgrimage or such other place as the Government may specify. Such hotels are exempt from Expenditure Tax for a period of 10 years commencing from 1-4-1991.

Other incentives/concessions include interest subsidy for 1-3 star hotels and Heritage hotels, concessional customs duty on imports for initial setting up or substantial expansion of a hotel.

Import of Civilian Aircraft for Indian Airlines and Air India

3388. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to import a number of civilian aircraft to meet the demands of Indian Airlines and Air India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has proposed to HAL for the manufacture of civilian aircraft indigenously;

(d) if so, what is their reaction thereto;

(e) whether it is also a fact that foreign collaboration is being sought in this venture; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Air India will be acquiring four Boeing 747-400 aircraft; three in 1993 and one in 1994. Indian Airlines will be acquiring 12 A-320 aircraft; seven aircraft will be delivered in 1993 and five in 1994; the first of such aircraft has already arrived.

(c) to (f) : Orders for supply of the aircraft mentioned in the reply at (a) above,